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Via Facsimile And U.S. Mail

Mr. Thomas Krueger
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

**Re: 104(e) Request For Information/Bison Gear/Downers Grove
Groundwater Site**

Dear Mr. Krueger:

As I explained in my voicemail message to you this morning, we represent Bison Gear in connection with the above referenced Request For Information. That request was received by Bison on February 6, 2002. By our calculations, our response is due February 27, 2002.

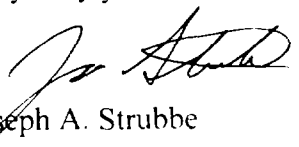
The purpose of this letter is to request an additional 21 days to respond. This extension is sought for several reasons.

First, we compiled documents and responded to similar requests from the Illinois EPA as well as private party litigant's subpoenas, in early 2001. Those materials are in storage and need to be retrieved. Second, my own schedule makes it impossible for me to retrieve these materials and provide a meaningful response by the due date. I am leaving town tonight, and I will be gone through Thursday, February 21, 2002 on depositions. I leave town again on February 22 through February 26th for a short vacation.

Although I will be out of town, I will be checking my voicemail. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Joseph A. Strubbe

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cc: Ms. Carol Ropski



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